(c) what are the different Kandha tribes in Phulabani district of the State which have been covered under these schemes?

(d) the year since when these Kandha tribes are getting benefit out of these schemes; and

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The important schemes introduced for the upliftment of Kandha tribes under the primitive tribal programmes are provision of drinking water facilities, educational facilities, plantation in shifting cultivation (podu.) areas, soil conservation, development of hill slopes, land reclamation, supply of bullocks, goats, bucks, bee boxes, implements and tools training in crafts and development of communication facilities.

(b) and (c) Dongaria Kandha in Koraput district and Kutia Kandha in Phulabani district are covered by the primitive tribe programmes.

(d) The primitive tribal programmes in these areas were started during the Fifth Five Year Plan period.

Scheme for pisciculture in the country

1325. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for development of pisciculture in the country;

(b) if so, what are the schemes launched in different States for that purpose; and

(c) what is the achievement made in the production of fish under different schemes in Orissa during the Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Some of the important schemes for development of aqua-culture in the country under Centrally Sponsored Programmes are as follows:

(i) Fish Farmers' Development Agencies Programme is under implementation in all the States except in the States of Sikkim and Meghalaya;

(ii) Setting up of Commercial Fish Seed Hatcheries in States except Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim for production of quality fish seed;

(iii) Development of Brackishwater fish/prawn farming in all the Maritime States and U.Ts. of Pondicherry and Goa, and in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan where saline ground water resource is available.

(c) Under the Fish Farmers' Development Agencies in Orissa an average productivity of 1635.5 Kgs/ha. has been obtained in water areas covered under this programme.

Under the Hatchery programme 4 hatcheries with a production capacity of 82 million fish seed have been sanctioned under the IDA assisted Inland Fisheries Project during VI Five Year Plan. The construction of these hatcheries is nearing completion and these are likely to be commissioned soon.

Under Brackishwater Fish/Prawn farming scheme, three separate projects covering 474.4 ha. area of brackishwater have been sanctioned. Besides, a prawn hatchery also has been sanctioned in Orissa. The construction of Brackishwater Farms and the hatchery is under progress.